

Sen. Bye, Rep. Walker, and Distinguished Members of the Appropriations Committee:

I am writing today to respectfully urge this committee to oppose HB 6842 and maintain funding for the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) in the 2016-2017 biennium budget.

CEQ is an independent agency working to promote government accountability and ensure proper implementation of important environmental standards in our state. CEQ is comprised of only two full-time staff positions, but it plays an integral role in protecting Connecticut's air and water resources and ensuring transparency and accountability in state government.

A healthy environment is a necessity, not a luxury item. Please maintain the integrity of the CEQ program by opposing HB 6842.

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